

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 COLOMB 00250 281343Z

47

ACTION NEA-09

INFO OCT-01 EA-06 ISO-00 NEAE-00 SSO-00 INRE-00 NSCE-00

SS-15 NSC-05 SP-02 CIAE-00 INR-07 NSAE-00 RSC-01

AID-05 IGA-01 OMB-01 TRSE-00 L-02 H-01 PRS-01 AGR-05

EB-07 /069 W

----- 063874

O R 281315Z JAN 75

FM AMEMBASSY COLOMBO

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 2151

INFO AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE COLOMBO 250

PASS AID/W

EO 11652: N/A

SUBJ: PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR MEETING

REF: COLOMBO 233 (NOTAL)

1.AUSTRALIAN HIGH COMMISSIONER MARSHALL TELLS
ME THAT IN HIS MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER JANUARY 27
SHE ASKED HIM FOR URGENT ASSISTANCE TO MEET CRITICAL
SITUATION ARISING OUT OF RECENT DROUGHT. SPECIFI-
CALLY, SHE IS ASKING GOA FOR PUMPS AND
DRILLS FOR
TUBE WELLS. VISITING CEYLONese AMBASSADOR TO US
NEVILLE KANAKARATNE TOLD ME LAST NIGHT PRIME MINISTER
WILL MAKE SIMILAR REQUEST WHEN I SEE HER TOMORROW.
(APPOINTMENT HAS BEEN CHANGED TO 5:45 PM) I WILL
PROBABLY BE ASKED FOR HEAVY EARTH-MOVING EQUIPMENT
TO CLEAR ADDITIONAL LAND FOR FOOD PRODUCTION AS
WELL AS BADLY NEEDED SPARE PARTS FOR AMERICAN-
MADE TRACTORS NOW ON ISLAND.

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 COLOMB 00250 281343Z

2. IF PRIME MINISTERS REQUEST IS ALONG LINES ANTICIPATED, UNLESS ADVISED TO CONTRARY, I PLAN TELL HER THAT WE ARE SYMPATHETIC TO HER NEEDS. HOWEVER, BECAUSE OF AID PROCEDURES AND CONGRESSIONAL REQUIREMENTS, I COULD FORESEE THAT WE WOULD FACE PROBLEMS IN RESPONDING POSITIVELY WITHIN SHORT TIME FRAME SHE APPARENTLY ENVISAGES. UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES, IN ORDER MEET GSL'S IMMEDIATE NEEDS, GSL MIGHT WISH CONSIDER USING RECENTLY-APPROVED \$15 MILLION IDA CREDIT FOR INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL IMPORTS. THIS CREDIT, WHICH IS QUICK DISBURSING, PROVIDES LIMITED ASSISTANCE TO GSL IN IMPORTING SPARE PARTS FOR AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT AND EARTH-MOVING MACHINERY. SUCH RECOURSE TO IDA WOULD NOT RULE OUT OUR GIVING ACTIVE CONSIDERATION TO GSL LONGER-TERM NEEDS IN THIS AREA.

3. AID TEAM AGREES WITH FOREGOING PROPOSED REPLY.
VAN HOLLEN

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: MEETINGS, FOREIGN ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 28 JAN 1975
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: MartinML
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975COLOMB00250
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750031-0146
From: COLOMBO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19750115/aaaaanfp.tel
Line Count: 80
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 75 COLOMBO 233
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: MartinML
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 03 JUL 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <03 JUL 2003 by CunninFX>; APPROVED <12 NOV 2003 by MartinML>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
05 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRIME MINISTER'S REQUEST FOR MEETING
TAGS: EAID, CE, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 05 JUL 2006